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Tennessee Safe Routes for Schools program:

<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/bikeped/saferoutes.htm>

This program targets kids in grades K-8 and the focus is to improve opportunities for children to safely walk and bicycle to school.

Deadline is March 31, 2011! See the website for information about the grant application or call Diana Benedict at 615-253-2421 if you have questions.

Governor's Environmental Sustainability Awards: <http://tn.gov/environment/awards>

Go to the Resources section to review the 13 eligible categories and the Application section to download the application.

Deadline for applications is March 31, 2011.

TDEC Recreation Educational Services Division (RES):

<http://tn.gov/environment/recreation/>

TDEC-RES staff are working with the Commissioner's Council on Greenways and Trails to present the 2011 Tennessee Greenways and Trails Forum to be held April 14-16, 2011 in Murfreesboro, TN.

Theme of the Forum is Building Connections and will highlight the benefits of Greenways and Trails as outlined in the 2008 Tennessee Greenways and Trail Plan. Go to:

<http://tn.gov/environment/recreation/greentrails.shtml> to download a copy of the Plan.

CEU's will be provided through the IACET and speaker proposals are being accepted now. The proposal form link to send to potential session presenters and keynote speakers:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/forumsessionproposal>.

The deadline to submit a session proposal is January 21st.

The Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association's (TRPA) www.trpa.net

This website has a listing of ALL park areas in Tennessee, local, state and federal. Go to: <http://trpa.net/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=23> to find the park nearest your home or work and increase your activity levels and improve your health.

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2010 American Trails National Symposium

<http://www.americantrails.org/2010/awards.html>

The 2010 American Trails National Symposium was an overwhelming international success with over 600 people attending. Everyone was saying that they would be returning again to Chattanooga.

For more information on the National Awards presented, go to the website above.

For the calendar on Trail Training: <http://www.americantrails.org/http/default.htm>

Livable and Sustainable Communities: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability>.

See what the latest news with the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation (DOT) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) partnership. To see how other communities in the U.S. are integrating Livability, click on the *Case Studies* tab on the left side.

Another U.S. DOT website is the *Reports and Publications* link which provides the latest opportunities for grants: http://fta.dot.gov/publications/publications_10935.html.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) renewal: <http://www.americantrails.org/rtp/>

SAFETEA-LU transportation legislation that authorizes the RTP *expired 10-30-09*. The Congress passed a continuing resolution to fund this program through March 4, 2011 so there is now 155/365ths of one year funding authorized.

HOWEVER, the trails community needs to be watching closely for the next federal Transportation Authorization bill which will affect the funding for ALL the trail related programs funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation. This includes the RTP, Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to Schools and other transportation funding that relates to greenways and trails and bicycle and pedestrian efforts.

For more information on the reauthorization, go to:

<http://www.americantrails.org/reauth.html> .

Americans with Disabilities Act update: www.access-board.gov

The Draft Final Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas and Trails, dated October 19, 2009. Go to <http://www.access-board.gov/outdoor/draft-final.htm> .

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These guidelines will only apply to federal land managing agencies, but if your project has federal funding, these guidelines should be followed.

See Section F247 of the ABA and Chapter 10, Section 1017 of the ADA of the Draft-Final document for the information on Trails.

EVENTS

Please send your **EVENT** information to Bob Richards as soon as you are aware of the date for inclusion in the Greenways and Trails TIDBITS newsletter. It will be included in the TIDBITS as space permits.

20110 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events

April 14-16, 2011 TN Greenways and Trails Forum Murfreesboro, TN
More information coming soon

May 15-19, 2011 13th Conference on National Scenic & Historical Trails
Abingdon, VA.

June 4, 2011 National Trails Day Various locations
Website to be up soon.

September 24, 2010 Public Lands Day Various locations
<http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

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